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Landscape Architecture:

With the continuing expansion of our cities and suburban areas, landscape architects increasingly serve not only as designers, but also as advocates of water conservation. Much of the Southwest is characterized by short rainy seasons and water available for gardens is severely limited.

At Gary Guy Wilson, we work closely with clients to design a landscape that is both esthetically pleasing and at the same time, maximizes water efficiency. To do this, we offer options of low-water planting materials, create sloping for minimal runoff, and utilize automated watering systems.

In addition, decorative hardscaping can be used to enclose plantings that will minimize the need for large planted areas, and also provide defined walkways to minimize damage to planted areas and watering systems. Working in unity, a well designed hardscape will compliment your overall landscape.

The future of the Landscape Architecture profession lies in taking a leadership role in the stewardship of the environment, while at the same time, meeting the needs of our clients.

Ask The Architect

In landscape design, what role does Xeriscaping play?

Xeriscape is defined as: the environmental design of landscaping utilizing various methods to minimize the need for water use.

Living in a desert climate, and with additional burden of recent drought, the need to conserve water is at an all time high. Our clients frequently request a landscape that is esthetically pleasing, low in maintenance, and water conserving.

One solution we offer is Xeriscaping. The word Xeriscaping was coined by combining xeros (Greek for "dry") with the word landscape. Plants whose natural requirements are appropriate to our local climate are emphasized, and care is taken to avoid losing water to evaporation and run-off.











Client: Scott McFarland SPOTLIGHT @ Airgas North

As Vice President of Operations of Airgas West, GGWArchitects client, Scott McFarland, has been commuting to Las Vegas from Southern California for the past 8 years to check on the North Las Vegas Airgas facility on Losee Road, one of 16 production facilities he is responsible for within his region.

Scott keeps watch over the Arizona, Southern California, and, most recently, the Hawaiian islands "business units", as well, keeping him plenty busy over his 10-year tenure with the company. Scott is responsible for the production facility and distribution of their compressed gas to construction and medical care businesses.

Born in Phoenix, and living in both Southern California and New Mexico, Scott considered Denver "home", where he spent his later youth and finished high school. His profession has always been in the compressed gas industry. Beginning in Flagstaff, Arizona as a trucker for an independent distributor, Scott remained with them 16 years and held other positions, including District Manager and then Facility Manager in Tucson, Territory Salesman/Branch Manager in Flagstaff, Plant Manager in Tucson and 2 years as an Operations Manager. A buy-out by a competitor led to his move to Airgas. Scott secured a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Arizona in 2000.

Scott admits that GGWArchitects is not the first architectural firm their company has hired, but he readily states that it is the "best!" It has been a "pleasant experience", especially with the personal attention Airgas West has received on the 10,000 square-foot addition to their existing facility on Losee Road. We look forward to additional jobs on the forefront.

Project: Airgas North SPOTLIGHT @ Losee Road

Construction by WLC Contractors has begun on the nearly 10,000 square-foot Airgas addition, "a modern facility of concrete masonry and frame construction to house administrative office space, a loading dock, and a processing plant," says Architect Gary Guy Wilson.

The space, which will facilitate transferring compressed gas from the main storage tanks to portable tanks, should be complete by early, 2008.

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